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STATEMENT

OF THE

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

OF THE

Town of Haddam

FROM

September 1, 1926 to September 1, 1927

With an Abstract of the Grand Levy of the
Town for the Year 1927

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT

September 1, 1926 to September 1, 1927

BUDGET

Selectmen's Estimate of Expenses for Year Ending August 31, 1928

Highways and Bridges	\$10,000.00	
State Aid Highways	50.00	
Election Expenses	300.00	
State Military Tax	225.00	
State Tax	1,100.00	
County Tax	1,200.00	
Interest	200.00	
Surety Bonds	50.00	
Town Officers	1,900.00	
Health Officer	150.00	
Clerical Work	300.00	
Road Equipment, New Scraper, Tools, etc.	3,000.00	
Schools	32,150.00	
Poor	4,000.00	
Miscellaneous	750.00	
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		\$55,375.00
Appropriated for Haddam Neck Road	\$5,000.00	
Expended	350.00	
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		4,650.00
Appropriated for Honor Roll	\$450.00	
Expended	14.70	
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		425.30
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		\$60,450.30

Estimated Receipts for Year Ending August 31, 1928

Balance in Treasury August 31, 1927	\$21,340.80
Tax on Bank Stock	750.00
Dog Funds	250.00

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Receipts on School Account as estimated by School Board	\$12,831.68	
Less amount received by Town Treasurer in August 1927	10,861.12	
		1,970.56
Personal Taxes		1,300.00
Probable Collection of Back Taxes		7,500.00
		<hr/> 33,111.36
Balance to be collected by Taxation		<hr/> \$27,338.94

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

Anderson, Johannes	\$57.00
Bailey, Leon A.	76.25
Balzar, John	3.37
Baroni, D.	295.45
Behan, Joseph H.	8.00
Berg, Arnold	12.56
Brooks, Arthur	6.50
Brooks, C. B.	29.50
Brookes, Fred E.	214.50
Brooks, Joseph	9.00
Bronall, Edward	12.56
Bronall, Elmer	6.00
Brown, W. H.	25.00
Burr, Adelbert S.	12.00
Burr, Clayton	3.00
Burr, Eugene O.	94.43
Burr, W. E. S.	6.00
Bylin, Ernest	27.00
Carlson, August	145.50
Carlson, Axel	32.85
Carlson, George	9.00
Chapman, W. R.	118.00
Clark, Chauncey	147.00
Clark, Henry C.	345.91
Colson, F.	18.00
Delemarre, John B.	81.08
Denne, Thos. H. Jr.	16.50
Dickinson, Carlos	24.00
Donatoni, Giacomo	60.74

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Flood, David, Sr.	\$46.06
Flood, David A.	29.00
Flood, David A. Jr.	13.00
Frederickson, Gustaf	71.50
Frisk, August	41.50
Granat, Oscar	21.00
Guagnini, John	35.25
Gustafson, Nils	31.50
Hansell, Webster J.	9.00
Hazenhurst Farm	469.70
Hubbard, Clinton E.	68.58
Johnson, Charles J.	12.00
Johnson, Mrs. Emma	43.95
Johnson, J. Jacob	785.50
Johnson, Richard	481.00
Johnson, Wm.	22.75
Kafka, Frank	12.00
Karlson, David E.	447.15
Karlson, John E.	42.03
Knowles, J. C.	88.50
Kroc, Joseph	13.00
Lundgren, Alfred	76.33
Maynard, Wm.	241.76
Mazanik, Joseph	6.50
Neff, Tracy L.	596.95
Neff, Wm. G.	97.50
Negrelli, Matthew	6.00
Nilsen, Otto	6.00
Nocar, Ant.	2.40
Olson, Fred	3.00
Olson, John A.	6.00
Ostergren, John S.	25.25
Peck, H. D.	11.25
Peck, W. A.	38.40
Planeta, John	14.50
Pokorney, Frank	3.30
Priest, Robert W.	244.00
Sandin, L. H.	7.50
Sallak, John	116.50
Sallak, Joseph	36.25
Scovil, D. & H. Inc.	5.00
Scovil, Francis	3.50
Selden Bros.	56.80
Sima, John	49.50
Skinner, Edward	12.00
Skinner, W. P.	551.35

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Skinner, Fred A.	\$100.50
Spencer, Ellis H.	139.95
Spencer, E. S.	24.25
Spencer, Smith E.	253.75
Strickland, F. E.	50.00
Towner, A. A.	93.00
Wahlman, P. O.	51.00
Weise, Christian	36.00
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	\$7,647.66

EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

Chatham Stores, supplies	\$8.25
Clark, W. W., nails and supplies	9.50
Cromwell Motor Service Co., supplies	1.00
Michelson, A. E., oil, labor etc.	113.97
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co., freight	28.29
Noble, K. B. Co., scraper	271.71
Olson, C. F. & Co., gasoline and supplies	121.71
Petrofsky, F. A., battery	2.30
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	556.73

TAXES

Blodgett, Wm. H., Commissioner, State Tax	\$1,084.75
Blodgett, Wm. H., Commissioner, Military Tax	219.71
Treasurer Middlesex County, County Tax	1,123.58
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	2,428.04

ELECTION EXPENSES

Secretary of State, Ballots, etc.	\$31.10
Church, Chas. H., Expenses First District	45.00
Williams, Mrs. Ethel M., Expenses First District	18.50
Burr, Elbert, Expenses Second District	71.50
Johnson, Elias, Expenses Third District	52.50
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	218.60

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TOWN OFFICERS

Johnson, J. Jacob, First Selectman	\$300.00
Karlson, David E., Second Selectman	60.00
Spencer, Smith E., Third Selectman	60.00
Dickinson, Philip, Town Clerk	100.00
Hubbard, Albert H., Town Treasurer	100.00
Priest, Paul A., Tax Collector	752.48
Dickinson, Philip, Assessor	66.00
Skinner, M. G., Assessor	73.50
Selden, Thomas J., Assessor	27.00
Russell, John C., Board of Relief	20.00
Hubbard, Elmer S., Board of Relief	16.00
Bailey, R. S., Board of Relief, (2 years)	28.00
Church, Charles H., Registrar	32.00
Williams, Mrs. Ethel M., Registrar	13.50
Burr, Elbert, Registrar	12.00
Neff, Gaston L., Registrar	12.00
Johnson, Elias, (For two Registrars)	27.00
Burr, Eugene O., Auditor	20.00
Goodell, Charles L., Auditor	20.00

1,739.48

CLERICAL WORK

Dickinson, Philip, registrar vital statistics,	\$69.00
Dickinson, Philip, recording tax liens,	27.00
Dickinson, Philip, Personal Tax enrollment	9.90
Priest, Mrs. Viola C., Personal Tax enrollment, and rate book,	41.60
Karlson, David E., Personal Tax enrollment	3.10
Williams, Mrs. Ethel M., making Grand List and rate book	50.00
Williams, Mrs. Ethel M., making list of voters	15.26
Johnson, J. Jacob, making town report	25.00

240.86

TOWN HALL

Arnold, H. W., supplies	\$28.39	
Central Conn. Power & Light Co., lights	26.08	
Connery, J. F., keys	4.20	
Hefflon, F. G., labor and supplies	38.13	
Skinner, F. A., wood	44.50	
Southern N. E. Telephone Co., telephone	42.10	
Skinner, Edward, cutting grass	3.00	
Williams, James R., labor	77.50	
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POOR

State of Connecticut, care of Fred A. Smith, George N. Flood, Jan Puta, Adam Roller, Cyrile E. Burr, Kate Waterhouse and Henry Brainard, at State Hospital	\$1,095.01
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City of Middletown, care of Melissa Spencer, Hulda Spencer and Rebut Family	496.48
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Aid to Docar Family :

Burr, E. O., supplies	\$69.00	
Cernan, John, rent	40.00	
Novak, Mrs. A., supplies	60.60	
Olson, C. F. & Co., supplies	19.10	
Spencer, W. L., supplies	327.31	
	<hr/>	516.01
Clark, Mrs. Sidney, board Sarah Mildrum	281.76	
Dept. of Public Welfare, aid Mrs. Julius Schutte Family	35.00	
Pierce, H. R., transportation, Emil Schutte, Jr.	20.00	
Polish Orphanage, care Frank Augustyn	160.00	
Spencer, Smith E., care Wm. Buell	240.00	
Williams, Mrs. Lydia, care Grace Buell	334.55	
Crook, J. Bruce, M. D., medical services Belle Cone	10.00	
Maitland, D. Lewis, M. D., services at almshouse	16.00	
LaPlace, Wm. G.	30.00	
Manica, Damiano	60.00	
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HEALTH OFFICERS

Crook, J. Bruce, M. D.	\$30.00	
Fitch, Frederick T.	11.40	
Smith, George M.	102.50	
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		143.90

SURETY BONDS

Butler's Insurance Office:		
Bond for Town Treasurer	\$24.50	
Bond for Tax Collector	17.50	
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		42.00

MISCELLANEOUS

Middletown Press, advertising, general	\$25.00
Middletown Press, advertising honor roll	14.70
Pelton & King, Inc., books and supplies	217.04
Bunce, Jas. H. Co., two school flags	7.00
Mansfield Post No. 53, G. A. R., flags for soldiers' graves	20.57
Adkins Printing Co., books and supplies	46.83
Cutaway Harrow Co., school signs	2.50
Cleveland Legal Blank Co., supplies	3.38
Whittlesey, J. M., Commissioner, dog license tags	16.50
Smith, George M., killing dog	3.00
Adkins Printing Co., dog license books	11.14
Selden, Thomas J., land for Haddam Neck road	225.00
Brainerd, Lucy C., land for Haddam Neck road	100.00
Brainard, H. G. land for Haddam Neck road	25.00
Assessors auto tax service, auto tax book	5.00
Williams, Mrs. James R., advertising	2.10
Dickinson, Philip, expenses as Assessor	2.20
Dickinson, Philip, expenses as Town Clerk	15.30
Skinner, M. G., expenses as Assessor	2.50
Selden, Thomas J., expenses as Assessor	8.00
Johnson, J. Jacob, expenses as First Selectman	31.00

Karlson, David E., expenses as Second Select- man	\$19.45	
Hubbard, Albert H., expenses as Town Treas- urer	19.72	
Priest, Paul A., expenses as Tax Collector	15.00	
	<hr/>	837.93
Total Town Orders drawn for year ending August 31, 1927		\$17,413.91

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

Fiscal Year Ending August 31, 1927

 Balance in Treasury August 31, 1926 \$21,414.80

RECEIPTS FOR YEAR

Paul A. Priest, Tax Collector, Property Taxes 31,283.73

Levy	Tax	Interest	Lien	Total
1926	\$24,103.36	\$30.09		\$24,133.45
1925	3,597.59	206.14	\$9.50	3,813.23
1924	1,018.30	147.04	15.08	1,180.42
1923	912.97	145.00	9.00	1,066.97
1922	332.58	148.11	4.00	484.69
1921	331.12	29.28	2.00	362.40
1920	205.89	19.20	1.50	226.59
1919	1.48	1.28	—	2.76
1918	7.14	6.08	—	13.22
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	\$30,510.43	\$732.22	\$41.08	\$31,283.73

Paul A. Priest, Tax Collector, Personal Taxes 1,466.33

Levy	Tax	Interest	Total
1926	\$1,448.00	\$0.83	\$1,448.83
1925	10.00	.69	10.69
1924	2.73	.41	3.14
1922	1.00	.67	1.67
1921	2.00	—	2.00
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	\$1,463.73	\$2.60	\$1,466.33

Middletown National Bank, borrowed money 3,000.00

State of Connecticut, school account:

High school tuition grant	2,258.75
High school transportation grant	1,108.44
Support of schools grant	6,114.18
Special aid grant	500.00
Enumeration grant	879.75
Trade school account	70.00

County Commissioners, County Home school account 1,500.00

Mrs. Ethel M. Williams, high school tuition 1,101.00

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Standard Oil Co., refund	\$1.00
Francis Scovil, sale of boxes	1.60
State of Connecticut, general:	
Bank stock tax distribution	840.68
Distribution dog license funds	316.40
Clinton E. Hubbard, payment Wilcox mortgage note and interest	81.84
J. Jacob Johnson, rent town hall	22.00
Middletown National Bank:	
Refund on discount	7.08
Interest on daily balance	73.84
Philip Dickinson, Town Clerk, dog license funds	531.90
Bert G. Thompson, court fees and fines \$395.05	
Belle D. Russell, court fees and fines 35.50	
Superior Court, court fees and fines 44.77	
Dept. State Police, court fees and fines 3.30	
State Comptroller, court fees and fines 83.41	
	562.03
Total receipts	\$73,135.35

DISBURSEMENTS FOR YEAR

Selectmen or town orders paid	\$17,413.91
School orders paid	30,442.30
Court fees distribution	430.53
Dog license funds, paid to State	482.81
Loan from Middletown National Bank	3,000.00
Discount on note, Middletown National Bank	25.00
Total disbursements	51,794.55
Balance in Treasury August 31, 1927	\$21,340.80

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT H. HUBBARD,

Treasurer.

Haddam, Conn., Sept. 17, 1927.

Personally appeared before me, Albert H. Hubbard, Treasurer of the Town of Haddam, and verified by oath the foregoing report.

EUGENE O. BURR,

Notary Public.

UNCOLLECTED TAXES

Levy—1904-1911	\$41.39
1912	72.40
1913	16.78
1914	67.09
1915	55.14
1916	72.23
1917	109.77
1918	63.75
1919	91.67
1920	188.77
1921	476.04
1922	1,316.10
1923	1,146.79
1924	1,969.44
1925	2,912.79
1926	6,815.24
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	\$15,415.39

ASSETS

Balance in Treasury August 31, 1927	\$21,340.80
Two school busses	1,500.00
Fordson tractor	100.00
Three road drags	25.00
Three road machines	400.00
Small tools	30.00
Stone crusher and equipment	800.00
Waterhouse property	500.00
Uncollected taxes	15,415.39
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	\$40,111.19

GRAND LEVY OF THE TOWN

650 dwelling houses	\$738,375.00
657 barns, sheds, ice and store houses, garages, etc.	99,155.00
7 building lots	675.00
38 stores, shops, hotels, public garages, etc.	32,150.00
44 mills, manufactories, dams and machinery	127,235.00
24,582 acres, 136 $\frac{2}{3}$ square rods land	324,952.00
Quarries	4,500.00
140 horses and mules	7,835.00
440 neat cattle	18,015.00
Sheep, swine and poultry	2,210.00
Carriages and wagons	300.00
532 automobiles and motor vehicles	106,635.00
Watches, diamonds and other jewelry	1,220.00
Furniture, libraries and musical instruments	6,235.00
Farming implements and mechanics tools	1,275.00
Farm produce	2,000.00
Goods of merchants and manufacturers	64,610.00
Cables, wires and poles	9,300.00
Boats	2,650.00
Bonds, notes, etc.	2,050.00
Ten per cent additional	19,651.00
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	\$1,571,028.00
Exemptions	28,798.00
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	\$1,542,230.00
Additions	3,180.00
Added by Tax Collector	520.00
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Final Grand List	\$1,545,930.00
Nineteen mill tax will raise	29,372.67

HADDAM TOWN REPORT

Haddam, Conn., Sept. 17, 1927.

We hereby certify that we have examined and verified the accounts of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Tax Collector and Town School Committee, and found them correct.

EUGENE O. BURR,

CHARLES L. GOODELL,

Auditors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of September, 1927.

ALBERT H. HUBBARD,

Notary Public.

Respectfully submitted,

J. JACOB JOHNSON,

DAVID E. KARLSON,

SMITH E. SPENCER,

Selectmen.

Haddam, Conn., September 17th, 1927.

Personally appeared before me the above named Selectmen and verified by oath the foregoing report.

PHILIP DICKINSON,

Town Clerk.

REPORT OF TOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The total orders for the school year 1926-27 amount to \$30,442.30 toward which amount we received from the state in the fall of 1926, \$10,587.89. Receipts from tuition at Middletown High School for this year amounted to \$824. There was also received \$277 on tuition for the preceding year. Middlesex County paid \$1,500 for the tuition of the County Home pupils. Thus the net expense to the town amounts to \$17,252.41.

The increased expenditure for the year was due primarily to the larger number of pupils attending high school and to the purchase of the new bus. Fifty pupils enrolled for high school last year, forty-five of whom attended full time. The cost of high school tuition for 1926-27 was \$4,564.25 as against \$3,548.63 for the year 1925-26.

The state has already refunded \$2,258.75 for high school tuition, \$1,108.44 for transportation and \$6,114.18 for teacher's salaries; these grants are reckoned as school income for 1927-28.

In order to meet the need for a school nurse which has been growing more apparent year by year, the committee has decided to co-operate with East Haddam in employing one. The nurse will spend three days a week in East Haddam and two days weekly in Haddam schools. Haddam will pay two-fifths of the salary and expenses. As the nurse will teach hygiene in the schools, the state will pay 40% of her salary as is done in the case of other teachers. The net expense to the town will not be more than \$800.

Owing to the small number of pupils in the upper grades at Haddam Center, it has been thought best to close that room, transport the pupils to Higganum, and make a primary room school of Haddam Center. This will not only be for the best interest of the older pupils but will save the salary of one teacher, fuel and running expenses or about \$1,250 which will more than offset the expense of the nurse.

The purchase of a new and larger school bus this year was made necessary by the increased number of pupils to be transported to high school and the worn out condition of the old bus. This expenditure will be partially offset by the saving in repair bills and in the cost of a second trip night and morning to carry the large number of pupils.

The library grant this year was expended for a radio for the Higganum Union School. The Parent Teachers Association contributed \$65 toward its purchase.

Necessary repairs have been made at the different schools; Higganum Union and Haddam Center have both been painted and water has been brought into the Center School from a well on adjoining property.

Our present supervisor, Mr. Edwin I. Arthur, will be in charge of our schools the coming year. On account of an increase in his already large territory, he has been given an assistant who will have charge of the primary schools.

Several new teachers are entering the system this year but all have had special training for the work and we are looking forward to a successful year.

Respectfully submitted,

ETHEL M. WILLIAMS, *Secretary.*

SCHOOL INCOME FOR 1926-27

Enumeration Grant, 1926-27	\$879.75
Support of Schools Grant, 1925-26	5,922.17
Special Aid Grant, 1925-26	500.00
High School Tuition Grant, 1925-26	1,810.97
High School Transportation Grant, 1925-26	1,400.00
Library Grant, 1926	75.00
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Total from State	\$10,587.89
Refund from tuition at M. H. S.—	
1925-26	\$277.00
1926-27	824.00
Refund from Middlesex County, 1927	1,500.00
Refund on oil drum	1.00
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	\$2,602.00
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Total receipts	\$13,189.89
From Town:	
6 mill tax raises	9,272.46
Amount to be raised above 6 mills	7,979.95
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Total to be raised to meet school orders	\$30,442.30

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SCHOOL EXPENSES FOR 1926-27

General Control:

Office expenses, salary of secretary, and telephone	\$127.31	
Supervisor's expenses,	58.23	
Enumeration	108.15	
	<hr/>	\$293.69

Instruction:

Salaries	\$15,285.46	
Text books	517.35	
Supplies	365.29	
High school tuition	4,564.25	
Haddam Neck tuition	114.00	
	<hr/>	20,846.35

Operation of School Plant:

Janitors' salaries	\$736.50	
Fuel, light and supplies	959.66	
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Maintenance:

Repairs	\$584.06	
Insurance	128.25	
Replacement of equipment	797.06	
Upkeep of grounds, etc.	130.80	
New bus	2,150.00	
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Auxiliary Agencies:

Radio	\$100.95	
High school transportation	2,216.88	
In town transportation	1,215.62	
Trade school transportation	282.48	
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Total expense	<hr/>	\$30,442.30
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Total school orders	<hr/>	\$30,442.30
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HADDAM TOWN REPORT

ESTIMATED SCHOOL BUDGET FOR 1927-28

Teachers' salaries	\$15,200.00	
High school tuition	5,780.00	
Text books and supplies	1,200.00	
Transportation	3,800.00	
Insurance	54.00	
Office expenses, telephone, enumeration, secretary's salary and expense, supervisor's expense	350.00	
Light, fuel and supplies	950.00	
Janitor service	740.00	
Repairs	900.00	
New equipment,	700.00	
New school bus	2,100.00	
Expenses of nurse	360.00	
Incidentals	16.00	
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Total		\$32,150.00
*Estimated State grants	\$10,431.68	
High school tuition fees	900.00	
Middlesex County tuition	1,500.00	
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Total		12,831.68
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**Amount to be raised by taxation		\$19,318.32

This amount * will be increased and this ** decreased by the Special Aid Grant.

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	Teachers' salaries	Fuel, light, janitors' supplies	Repairs, Insurance	New bus, New equipment, Upkeep of grounds	High School, Trade School, In town transportation	High school and other tuition.	Library Text books and supplies	Telephone Enumeration and Secretary office expenses	Totals
Haddam Center,	\$ 2,484.00	\$ 149.97	\$ 98.77	\$ 10.50	—	—	—	—	\$ 2,743.24
Higganum,	7,583.26	1,186.39	345.77	861.06	—	—	—	—	9,976.48
Turkey Hill,	1,000.00	60.00	98.43	—	—	—	—	—	1,158.43
Little City,	1,050.00	80.00	23.60	—	—	—	—	—	1,153.60
Ponsett Center,	1,116.00	92.81	43.23	51.30	—	—	—	—	1,303.34
Brainerd Hill,	1,060.48	68.58	31.16	—	—	—	—	—	1,160.22
Burr District,	991.72	58.41	34.50	—	—	—	—	—	1,084.63
All Districts,	—	—	41.85	2,150.00	3,714.98	4,678.25	983.59	293.69	11,862.36
Totals,	\$15,285.46	\$1,696.16	\$717.31	\$3,072.86	\$3,714.98	\$4,678.25	\$983.59	\$293.69	\$30,442.30

TOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, 1926-1927

Elmer S. Hubbard, Nellie Spencer, Ethel M. Williams, 1924-1927.

Charles A. Russell, Philip Porter, Tracy L. Neff, 1925-1928.

Charles B. Carlson, Leonard J. Selden, Fred E. Brookes, 1926-1929.

Chairman: Charles B. Carlson; Philip Porter, pro-tem.

Secretary and Treasurer, Ethel M. Williams.

State Supervisor, Edwin I. Arthur.

Finance Committee: Chairman and Secretary.

Property Committee: Philip Porter, Charles A. Russell, Leonard J. Selden.

Transportation Committee: Elmer S. Hubbard, Tracy L. Neff, Leonard J. Selden.

Teachers' Hiring Committee: Chairman, Secretary and Supervisor.

Text Book and Supply Committee: Leonard J. Selden, Nellie Spencer, Ethel M. Williams.

High School Committee: Philip Porter, Ethel M. Williams, Edwin I. Arthur.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS

For the Year Ending August 31, 1927

To the Town School Committee, Haddam, Conn.:

Herewith I submit my report to you, and to the citizens of Haddam, for the school year 1926-1927.

I. REGISTER DATA

	Net registration	Left during year	Year-end membership	Promotions	Graduated	Average attendance
Higganum Union:						
Castelli	30	2	28	22	22	26.70
Glick	38	3	35	33	—	32.3
Marsh	39	3	36	29	—	29.4
Caffrey	32	4	28	27	—	26.2
Brainard	29	3	26	23	—	24.29
Neff	18	1	17	16	—	15.79
Haddam Center:						
Hutchinson	18	4	14	15	—	14.08
Jones	14	2	12	12	—	10.42
Brainerd Hill: O'Connor	17	6	11	10	—	11.6
Ponsett: Knowles	16	0	16	16	1	14.72
Burr: Hartnett	22	4	18	18	—	—
Little City: Tibbals	15	3	12	12	—	10.58
Turkey Hill: Edick	11	2	9	9	1	7.75
Totals:	299	37	262	242	24	223.83
Add:						
Middletown High School						14.9
Deep River High School						28.1
Middletown Trade School						1.6
						268.43
Deduct:						
Middle Haddam Center School						2.9
						265.53
Grand Total						265.53

II. CLASSIFICATION AND PROGRESS

1. PUPIL ACHIEVEMENT

A study of pupil achievement through the use of standardized tests in reading, arithmetic (addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division), reasoning problems in arithmetic; nature study and science, history and literature, and language usage indicates the need for increased emphasis upon homogeneous pupil grouping and more definite provisions for individual instruction.

The achievement expected of the more advanced within each grade has in general been on a more definitely higher level than the achievement expected of the average section. While much remains to be done in this field, the work, particularly in the primary grades, expected of each pupil has been such as to serve as a real challenge to his particular abilities.

2. ABILITY GROUPING

As stated above, persistent effort has been made to place pupils properly. This must mean an increasing tendency to shift pupils during the term who can do better in other sections. A fair start has been made. By more extended use of test results the practice of shifting must become more general. Many inconsistencies in the grouping remain to be discovered and eliminated.

3. ACCELERATION

Every pupil should have an opportunity to experience the full elementary and high school course. In practice, however, levels of work and elective high school courses are not as yet sufficiently adapted to individual pupil differences to make possible equal educational opportunity for all. But it is possible by accelerating pupils during the year to correct bad adjustments arising from failure to broaden the curriculum for the bright pupil. This practice in which a beginning has been made should be extended.

It is undoubtedly true that the following standards should be adopted:

1. Pupils who are one year or more above the achievement standard for their present grade should be advanced.
2. Over-age pupils who are one-half year or more above the achievement standard for their present grade should be advanced.

4. INDIVIDUAL PUPIL PROGRAMS

After the sectioning of classes into ability groups there will always remain many pupils who require individual attention. While little more than a beginning in individual pupil programs has been made, possibilities for constructive work are evident.

Every bright pupil is entitled to additional activities which will challenge his powers. Every pupil, either advanced or slow, is entitled to work at which he can succeed. The schools are attacking this problem by individual coaching and by a certain amount of individual assignment. Progress will continue by providing (1) adequate schedules making provisions for needed special classes; (2) continued study of individual difficulties; and (3) continued re-classification.

III. THE CURRICULUM OF HADDAM SCHOOLS

Our public schools have produced many failures. The number of pupils dropping out of school in grades seven and eight is far too large. One of the chief causes of the excessive school mortality in the upper grades is the fact that pupils in these grades are held to the same kind of work at which they have been engaged for the past five or six years.

Teachers are now pretty firmly convinced that pupils between the ages of twelve and fifteen years require a more enriched curriculum than the conventional seventh and eighth grade provides. Elementary school tasks continue in grades seven and eight to be assigned to pupils who are rapidly developing aspirations and plans for future study and life.

Present investigations all point toward the advantages of the six year elementary and three year junior and three year senior high school plan over the eight year elementary and four year high school plan. The eight-four plan of organization does not have and never did have scientific background.

The two chief functions of the junior high school have been stated as follows:

1. To continue, but not in a monotonous way, and certainly in a gradually diminishing degree, the pupil's training in the command of those fundamental processes, skills, attitudes, and infirmations which form the common integrating background for any individual who is to be a proper member of society. This means in part that the reading, writing and arithmetic skills of the first six grades are to be reviewed and continued through new and more effective drill methods, but that they are no longer to be allowed to occupy the major portion of the child's school day.

2. To determine wherever possible by means of material in itself worthwhile, the interests, aptitudes, and capacities of pupils by revealing to them the possibilities both in the major fields of learning and in the vocations, and, having determined the desirable ones, to foster them in a way that will result in placing each pupil in that field of endeavor which will result in the greatest good and happiness for himself and society.

Another advantage of the six year elementary and three year junior and three year senior high school plan (6-3-3 plan) would be the

increased opportunity for differentiating in the length of time required by various groups to finish the elementary and high school courses.

The School Progress Chart below indicates (1) the approximate percent of enrollment in each of the three groups into which each class would be divided, (2) the time required by each group to complete the elementary and the junior and senior high school courses.

SCHOOL PROGRESS CHART

Entrance class	10%	{ ENRICHED CLASSES 6 years work in 5	to	{ JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL Work covered in five years	to	{ College, Business and Local Occupations
	80%	{ NORMAL GROUP Regular Program 6 years required	to	{ JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL Work covered in six years	to	{ College, Business and Local Occupations
	10%	{ UNDERPRIVILEGED PUPILS 7 years spent in this work	to	{ JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL 2 to 4 years	to	{ Business and Local Occupations

IV. THE TEACHING STAFF

1. CONTINUING STAFF ESSENTIAL

The teaching force in any school system largely determines the quality of educational opportunity given the boys and girls. A heavy turnover in the teaching force is a serious loss in school efficiency. The individual teacher must be convinced that the system offers her sufficient inducements to make it worth while for her to remain in the system. Personnel managers in industrial institutions are anxious to build up a stable, continuing body of workers. The school program also requires a continuing body of workers.

2. FORWARD LOOKING POLICY NECESSARY

1. There should be a policy of demanding progressively higher standards of training for teachers entering the system.
2. A carefully planned effort should be made to reduce teacher turnover and to keep promising teachers in the system.

3. APPOINTMENTS FOR 1927-1928

Higganum Union:

Principal and Grade VIII, Julia A. Castelli.

Grades VI and VII, Lillian Stanford (new appointee), New Haven Normal.

Grades V and VI, Mary Strojny (new appointee), Willimantic Normal.

Grades III and IV, Ida E. Jones (transfer from Haddam Center School).

Grades II and III, Louise E. Brainard.

Grade I, Beatrice E. Neff.

Haddam Center School:

Sarah C. Goldberg (new appointee), New Britain Normal.

Brainerd Hill:

Helen Svec (new appointee), New Britain Normal.

Ponsett:

Helen A. Isenberg (new appointee), New Haven Normal.

Burr:

Claire Altieri (new appointee), New Haven Normal.

Little City:

Isabelle Tibbals.

Turkey Hill:

Grace Edick.

School Nurse:

Olive M. Snow, Hartford High School and Hartford Hospital.

4. THE TEACHER AND THE COMMUNITY

The importance of a continuing body of teachers has been emphasized. The problem of teacher turnover is greatly influenced by the readiness with which a community welcomes new teachers. Are teachers left to find themselves in a community? Must they take the initiative?

V. SOCIALIZING ACTIVITIES

Among the outstanding socializing activities of the year were the assembly programs at Higganum Union School. The majority of programs based upon nature study were of positive value in developing pupil self expression, pupil interest in both in school and out of school subjects, right habits of coöperation, and an interesting variety of ways for worthily use of leisure time.

Undoubtedly the assembly programs have come to be a permanent school activity. It is hoped that the public will take the time to attend these morning programs occasionally.

The excellent music programs presented last year for the first time to schools throughout the state were enjoyed and appreciated by the pupils of Higganum Union School. Every child should have the opportunity to become acquainted with the best there is in music from an appreciation standpoint.

The interest taken last year in various essay contests, also in observance of special days and special weeks, is noteworthy. Two state prizes were won by pupils of Higganum School—Cynthia Brainard, Grade III, was awarded first prize for the primary grade essay contest on the life of Beethoven. Mabel Spencer, Grade VIII, received first prize in the State Speaking and Spelling Contest.

So many worthwhile learnings and correct attitudes are developed through the so called extra curricular activities that more definite provision for extension of these activities must be made.

VI. HEALTH SERVICE

One of the commendable steps taken by the school committee is that relative to provision for a school nurse commencing with the school year 1927-1928. Not only will the nurse be of value in the school but also in coöperation with the home. It is the confident expectation of the school committee that cumulative physical histories of the children enrolled in the schools together with records of preventive and remedial work accomplished will clearly indicate a need which has perhaps heretofore been too little appreciated.

By far the majority of towns in the state now provide school nursing service. The time is probably not far distant when nearly every town will extend its health program to include such service.

VII. BUILDINGS AND NEEDS

All recommended repairs have been made. In one sense the school buildings are in reasonably good condition. In another sense they are entirely out of date and inadequate for the purposes for which they are used.

The furnishings of a school building must be in keeping with the educational program presented. A long step in the right direction has been taken in providing single, adjustable, and movable desks for classroom use. The day of fixed seats, and fixed, unchanging programs has past.

Some desirable standards in school buildings are as follows:

1. The orientation should be such as to provide maximum desirable light in the classrooms. Southeast and east are the best orders.
2. The minimum size of classrooms should be 15 square feet of floor space and 200 cubic feet of air space per child.

3. Seats and desks should be individual and adjustable.
4. Every elementary school should have a play room and a play ground.
5. Every graded school should have an auditorium accessible from classrooms and main entrance.
6. Every school should have a library equipped for reference and also study purposes.
7. Every graded school should have a principal's office where conferences with parents and others can be held; also a room for use of teachers.
8. All stairways should be fireproof and fireproofed from remainder of building.
9. The ventilation system should be of sufficient capacity to supply (30) cubic feet per minute per occupant in each class room.
10. Lawns should be graded; the aesthetic effect consistent; sites and buildings in keeping with the importance of public education.

VIII. SCHOOL CALENDAR

FIRST TERM—16 weeks.

Teachers' meeting Tuesday, September 6th, 9:00 A. M., at Higginum Union School.

Schools open Wednesday, A. M., September 7th.

Days out :

Teachers' meeting as above, September 6th.

Visitation, 1 day.

Thanksgiving, 2 days, November 24th and 25th.

Schools close Wednesday, December 21st after a 4-hour session.

CHRISTMAS—1 week.

SECOND TERM—14 weeks.

Schools open Tuesday, A. M., January 3rd.

Days out :

State Convention, 1 day.

Washington's Birthday, February 22nd.

Visitation, 1 day.

Schools close Thursday, April 5th, after a 4-hour session.

SPRING RECESS—1 week.

THIRD TERM—9 weeks.

Schools open Monday, A. M., April 16th.

Days out :

Memorial Day, May 30th.

Schools close Friday, June 15th.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN I. ARTHUR.

STATEMENT
OF THE
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OF THE
Town of Haddam

FROM
September 1, 1927 to September 1, 1928

With an Abstract of the Grand Levy of the
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SELECTMEN'S REPORT

September 1, 1927 to September 1, 1928

BUDGET

Selectmen's Estimate of Expenses for Year ending August 31, 1929

Highways and Bridges	\$10,000.00	
State Aid Highways	50.00	
Election Expenses	300.00	
State Military Tax	230.00	
State Tax	1,100.00	
County Tax	1,200.00	
Interest	200.00	
Surety Bonds	60.00	
Town Officers	1,800.00	
Health Officers	150.00	
Clerical Work	300.00	
Schools	29,000.00	
Poor	5,000.00	
Miscellaneous	750.00	
Road Equipment, New Scraper, Tools etc., included in 1927-1928 Budget but not ex- pended	3,000.00	
Estimate for Sidewalk on Higganum Hill	1,500.00	
Estimate for Haddam Neck Road	3,000.00	
Estimated amount to index Probate Records according to provision of the statutes	2,500.00	
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		\$60,140.00

Estimated Receipts for Year ending August 31, 1929

Balance in Treasury August 31, 1928	\$8,758.69	
Tax on Bank Stock	650.00	
Dog Funds	250.00	
Receipts on School Account, Esti- mate	\$11,178.93	
Less amount received by Town Treasurer in August 1928	7,444.13	
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		3,734.80

HADDAM TOWN REPORT

Personal Taxes	1,500.00	
Probable Collection of Back Taxes	9,000.00	
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		23,893.49
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Balance to be collected by Taxation		\$36,246.57

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

Anderson, Johannes	\$240.00
Arnold, Mrs. Nina P. H.	21.00
Bailey, Leon	27.75
Baroni, D.	65.04
Berg, Arnold	10.50
Berger Mfg. Co.	21.60
Brooks, Chauncey B.	14.00
Brooks, Chauncey B. Jr.	21.00
Brooks, Joseph	38.00
Brookes, Fred E.	211.75
Brovalt, Edward	19.50
Brown, W. H.	29.75
Burr, Adelbert S.	36.00
Burr, Willis	25.85
Bylin, Ernest	274.76
Carlson, August	14.00
Carlson, F.	7.00
Carlson, George	28.00
Chapman, W. R.	71.25
Clark, Chauncey	140.75
Clark, Henry C.	453.75
Clark, Irving	24.50
Clark, Miss L. E.	74.75
Delemarre, John B.	39.70
Dickinson, Carlos	42.00
Ely, Ralph	24.00
Flood, David A.	65.87
Frederickson, Gustaf	14.00
Gladwin, Lafayette	10.50
Granat, Oscar	30.00
Hazenhurst Farm	540.15
Hubbard, Clinton	446.24
Johnson, A. W.	58.50
Johnson, Charles J.	609.00
Johnson, Mrs. Emma	104.85
Johnson, Fred	27.00
Johnson, J. Jacob	867.50
Johnson, Richard J.	987.87

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Karlson, David E.	580.08
Karlson, John E.	3.00
Knowles, John C.	40.50
Kroc, Joseph	9.50
Lundgren, Alfred	31.50
Markham, Wm. M.	50.00
Maynard, Wm.	155.00
Mazanek, Joseph	39.00
Middlesex County Jail	19.50
Neff, Tracy L.	208.87
Neff, Wm. G.	54.00
Nichols, Fred A.	36.75
Nichols, Geo. E.	36.75
Nichols, Joseph A.	26.25
Nichols, Robert	36.75
Novotny, Vincent	73.87
Olson, Fred	9.00
Olson, John A.	15.50
Peterson, Chas.	16.63
Priest, Robert	53.66
Sallak, John	102.75
Sallak, Joseph	147.00
Sandin, F. Harold	6.00
Selden Bros.	189.79
Sima, John	52.11
Skinner, Fred A.	224.50
Skinner, W. P.	397.25
Smith & Bishel Co.	2.10
Spencer, E. S.	3.00
Spencer, Ellis H.	574.60
Spencer, Smith E.	203.75
Spencer, Stanley	14.00
Spencer, Stephen W.	5.50
Towner, A. A.	39.00
Wahlman, Peter O.	30.75
Wiese, Christian	27.00
Wimmer, John A.	20.75
Wright, Everett E.	17.50
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	\$9,291.14

NEW ROAD ON HADDAM NECK

State of Connecticut	\$4,769.28
Brookes, Fred E.	560.00
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	5,329.28

HADDAM TOWN REPORT

EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

Chatham Stores	\$5.55	
Clark, W. W.	5.98	
Michelson, A. E.	76.20	
Noble, K. B. Co.	6.25	
Olson, C. F. & Co.	63.92	
Petrofsky, Felix A.	2.30	
	<hr/>	160.20

DOG FUNDS

Rich, Edwin C., hens killed	\$10.50	
Spencer, Wm. L., turkey killed	5.50	
Smith, Geo. M., Dog Warden	29.00	
Whittlesey, J. H., Commissioner, tags, etc.	21.50	
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TOWN OFFICERS

Johnson, J. Jacob, First Selectman	\$300.00	
Karlson, David E., Second Selectman	60.00	
Spencer, Ellis H., Third Selectman	60.00	
Dickinson, Philip, Town Clerk	100.00	
Hubbard, A. H., Town Treasurer	100.00	
Priest, Paul A., Tax Collector	784.49	
Skinner, M. G., Assessor	72.00	
Dickinson, Philip, Assessor	64.50	
Selden, Thos. J., Assessor	30.00	
Bailey, Robert S., Board of Relief	12.00	
Hubbard, Elmer S., Board of Relief	12.00	
Russell, John C., Board of Relief	20.00	
Burr, Elbert, Registrar	9.00	
Dickinson, Philip, Registrar	46.20	
Johnson, Elias, Registrar	18.00	
Williams, Mrs. Ethel M., Registrar	12.00	
Burr, Eugene O., Auditor	20.00	
Goodell, Chas. L., Auditor	20.00	
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TOWN HALL

Balza, John, wood	\$25.00	
Skinner, F. A., wood	15.00	
Hefflon, T. G., repairs	1.00	
Cent. Conn. Power & Light Co., light	24.08	
Sou. N. E. Telephone Co., telephone	41.25	
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POOR

Burr, Eugene O., account Docar family	\$50.00
Burr, Eugene O., account J. Spencer	10.00
Clark, Mrs. Sidney, account Sarah Mildrum	260.47
Clark, W. W., account J. Cochran	12.85
Clark, W. W., account J. Spencer	109.01
Connecticut Children's Aid Society, account Marion Brainard	64.29
Connecticut, State of, account Fred A. Smith, George N. Flood, Henry W. Brainard, Jan Putz, Andrew Roller, Cyrile E. Burr and Katie Waterhouse	1,098.02
Crook, J. Bruce, M.D., account J. Cochran, J. Spencer and Docar family	20.00
District Nurse Asso., account Frank Le Mon- tagne	7.50
Hartford Hospital, account Raymond Magnuson	242.65
Kellogg, C. W., M.D., account J. Cochran	7.00
Kinsella, Joseph P., account J. Cochran	2.00
Mailhouse, Max, account Frank Le Montagne	10.00
Maitland, D. Lewis, M.D., account Melissa Spencer and J. Kennedy	56.00
Middlesex Hospital, account Stacia Rebut and J. Cochran	269.00
Middletown, Town of, account Rebut family, Hula Spencer, Melissa Spencer and J. Ken- nedy	755.00
Monica, Damiano, account Docar family	150.00
Monica, Damiano, account J. Spencer	10.00
New Haven Hospital, account Frank Le Mon- tagne	124.50
Novak, Mrs. A., account Docar family	73.20
Olson, C. F. & Co., account Docar family	33.41
Polish Orphanage, account Frank Augustyn	100.00
Southmayd Doolittle Co., account J. Cochran	40.00
Spencer, Roger, account J. Spencer	25.00
Spencer, Smith E., account Wm. Buell	240.00
Spencer, Wm. L., account Docar family	344.21
Supt. of Charities, account Donald Grant	106.00
Sweet, Rev. H. Earle, account J. Cochran	2.00
Thomaston, Town of, account Elsie A. Cleve- land and family	61.00
Williams, Mrs. Lydia L., account Grace Buell	288.30

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ELECTION EXPENSES

Church, Chas. H., First District	\$13.00	
Williams, Mrs. Ethel M., First District	18.00	
Burr, Elbert, Second District	23.00	
Johnson, Elias, Third District	26.00	
Secretary of State, ballots, etc.	29.25	
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SURETY BONDS

Butler's Insurance Office:		
Bond for Town Treasurer	\$35.00	
Bond for Tax Collector	25.00	
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HEALTH OFFICERS

Crook, J. Bruce, M.D.	\$27.00	
Smith, Geo. M.	99.30	
	<hr/>	126.30

CLERICAL WORK

Dickinson, Philip:		
Personal Tax enumeration	\$10.00	
Indexing	136.82	
Recording tax liens	24.00	
Karlson, David E., Personal Tax enumeration	2.95	
Priest, Viola C.:		
Personal Tax enumeration	26.50	
Making Rate Book	15.00	
Williams, Ethel M., making out Grand List and		
Rate Book	50.00	
Johnson, J. Jacob, making out Town Report	25.00	
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TAXES

Jenson, T. H., refund	\$4.00	
Middlesex County, County Tax	1,004.32	
Connecticut, State of:		
State Tax	997.46	
Military Tax	226.97	
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MISCELLANEOUS

Adkins Printing Co., supplies, tax list, etc.	\$46.23
Chase, Dr. C. C., vaccination clinic	75.50
Cleveland Legal Blank Office, supplies	3.38
Craig, G. M., M.D., vaccination clinic	26.00
Dickinson, Philip :	
Expenses as Assessor	2.14
Expenses as Town Clerk	21.17
Cemetery sexton	10.75
Gorham Co., honor roll	430.00
Hubbard, A. H., expenses as Town Treasurer	18.87
Johnson, J. Jacob, expenses as First Selectman	32.20
Mansfield Post, No. 53, flags	20.91
Middletown Press Publishing Co., advertising	18.15
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co., freight on markers	2.25
Pelton & King, Inc. :	
Books and supplies	186.03
Town reports	94.50
Priest, Paul A., expenses as Tax Collector	15.00
Selden, Thos. J., expenses as Assessor	6.00
Skinner, M. G., expenses as Assessor	3.50
Snow, W. A. Iron Works, markers	175.00
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	1,187.58
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Total Town Orders drawn, for year ending	
August 31, 1928	\$25,271.70

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

Fiscal Year Ending August 31, 1928

Balance in Treasury August 31, 1927 \$21,340.80

RECEIPTS FOR YEAR

Paul A. Priest, Tax Collector, Property Taxes 31,160.30

Levy	Tax	Interest	Lien	Total
1927	\$24,012.34	\$25.06	—	\$24,037.40
1926	4,057.86	227.54	7.00	4,292.40
1925	760.22	95.45	11.00	866.67
1924	589.09	55.32	6.50	650.91
1923	246.73	68.90	3.00	318.63
1922	563.35	81.47	2.50	647.32
1921	44.88	10.35	2.00	57.23
1920	28.44	—	.50	28.94
1919	19.67	—	.50	20.17
1918	17.95	—	.50	18.45
1917	13.44	—	.50	13.94
1916	14.78	—	.50	15.28
1915	13.78	—	—	13.78
1914	12.29	—	—	12.29
1913	12.87	—	—	12.87
1912	47.64	63.08	.50	111.22
1910	10.88	—	—	10.88
1909	11.16	—	—	11.16
1905	10.38	—	—	10.38
1904	10.38	—	—	10.38
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	\$30,498.13	\$627.17	\$35.00	\$31,160.30

Paul A. Priest, Tax Collector, Personal Taxes 1,528.41

Levy	Tax	Interest	Total
1927	\$1,442.00	\$34.00	\$1,476.00
1926	12.00	1.11	13.11
1924	8.00	2.02	10.02
1923	10.00	4.01	14.01
1922	10.00	5.27	15.27
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	\$1,482.00	\$46.41	\$1,528.41

State of Connecticut, School Account :

Support of Schools grant	6,008.38	
Special Aid grant	500.00	
Enumeration grant	870.75	
Library grant	65.00	
State of Connecticut, State owned property	206.75	
Middletown National Bank, borrowed money	3,000.00	
County Commissioners, County Home School Account	1,500.00	
Ethel M. Williams, High School tuition	828.75	
Francis Scovil, sale of two oil drums	1.50	
Strong & Hale, refund on School Account	28.92	
Ethel M. Williams, for Haddam Center School	21.00	
Middletown National Bank, interest on daily balances	38.08	
State of Connecticut, distribution dog license funds	345.26	
Philip Dickinson, dog license funds	597.10	
State of Connecticut, stock tax distribution	662.31	
J. Jacob Johnson, sale of Waterhouse property	635.00	
J. Jacob Johnson, account F. LeMontagne	50.00	
Philip Dickinson, refund on telephone charges	6.40	
Court fees and fines :		
From Sheriff Bert G. Thompson	162.28	
From Justice E. O. Burr	1.00	
From Justice Belle D. Russell	20.20	
From State of Connecticut	62.31	
Total receipts		\$69,640.50

DISBURSEMENTS FOR YEAR

Town Orders paid	\$25,271.70	
School Orders paid	31,744.80	
Middletown National Bank, loan	3,000.00	
Middletown National Bank, interest	24.58	
Court fees distribution	262.40	
State of Connecticut, dog license funds	578.33	
Total disbursements		60,881.81

Balance in Treasury August 31, 1928 \$8,758.69

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT H. HUBBARD, *Town Treasurer.*

Haddam, Conn., Sept. 11, 1928.

Personally appeared before me, Albert H. Hubbard, Treasurer of the Town of Haddam, and verified by oath the foregoing report.

ARTHUR D. CHAFFEE, *Justice of the Peace.*

ASSETS

Balance in Treasury August 31, 1928	\$8,758.69	
Two school busses	1,500.00	
Fordson tractor	100.00	
Three road drags	20.00	
Three road machines	350.00	
Small tools	20.00	
Stone crusher and equipment	600.00	
Planks and posts	25.00	
Uncollected taxes	15,561.75	
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UNCOLLECTED TAXES

Levy—1908	\$7.20
1912	24.76
1913	3.91
1914	54.80
1915	41.36
1916	57.45
1917	96.33
1918	45.80
1919	72.00
1920	160.33
1921	431.16
1922	752.75
1923	900.06
1924	1,380.35
1925	2,152.57
1926	2,757.38
1927	6,623.54
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	\$15,561.75

GRAND LEVY OF THE TOWN

663 dwelling houses	\$748,350.00
652 barns, sheds, icehouses, garages, etc.	100,930.00
6 house lots and building lots	475.00
35 buildings used for commercial purposes, not manu- factories	30,650.00
46 mills and manufactories, including dams, machinery, etc.	128,190.00
22,940 acres, 104 $\frac{2}{3}$ square rods, of land	320,215.00
126 horses and mules	6,685.00
397 neat cattle	16,405.00
Sheep, goats, swine and poultry	2,570.00
Carriages, wagons and bicycles	250.00
434 automobiles, trucks and other motor vehicles	93,370.00
Watches, diamonds and jewelry	1,715.00
Farming Implements and mechanics tools	1,800.00
Farm produce	1,000.00
Goods of merchants, manufacturers and traders	64,565.00
Cables, conduits, pipes, poles, towers, etc.	21,000.00
Sailing, steam and other vessels and boats	3,100.00
Bonds, notes and other choses in action	1,150.00
Ten per cent additional	14,995.00
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Gross Assessors' valuation	\$1,567,005.00
Exemptions to ex-service men, their relatives and the blind	30,331.00
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Net Assessors' valuation	\$1,536,674.00
Reductions	2,700.00
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Final Grand List as corrected by Board of Relief	\$1,533,974.00
24 mill tax will raise	\$36,815.38

Haddam, Conn., Sept. 15, 1928.

We hereby certify that we have examined and verified the accounts of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Tax Collector and Town School Committee and found them correct.

EUGENE O. BURR,
CHARLES L. GOODELL,
Auditors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of September, 1928.

WHITNEY S. PORTER,
Notary Public.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN JACOB JOHNSON, 1st Selectman
DAVID E. KARLSON,
ELLIS H. SPENCER,
Selectmen.

Haddam, Conn., September 15, 1928.

Personally appeared before me the above named Selectmen and verified by oath the foregoing report.

PHILIP DICKINSON,
Com'r. Superior Court.

REPORT OF TOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

For the Year Ending July 15, 1928

School orders drawn for the year 1927-1928 amounted to \$31,744.80, an amount well within the budget submitted by the committee in the town report. This sum includes the purchase price (\$600) of the Bohemian-American Benefit Association club house in Little City and most of the cost of remodeling it into a modern school house.

This work has been satisfactorily accomplished through the efforts of the Building Committee.

Thanks are due to the people of the Little City District for their coöperation in clearing the grounds.

It has been thought best after careful consideration to close Burr District School, carrying the primary pupils to Ponsett and the older pupils from both Ponsett and Burr to Higganum, thus making a primary school of Ponsett. This is in accordance with the policy of the State Board. A warm place will be provided in which the pupils may wait for the bus in bad weather.

While there are some changes in the teaching corps this year, the committee feels that a group of efficient teachers are in charge of our schools and looks forward to a successful school year under the supervision of Mr. Edwin I. Arthur and Miss Anne O'Neil who are re-assigned to Haddam for the coming year.

A music supervisor has been engaged for one day a week and we will again coöperate with East Haddam in the employment of a school nurse.

The following financial statement explains the income and expenditures for the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

ETHEL M. WILLIAMS,

Secretary of the Town School Committee.

SCHOOL INCOME FOR 1927-1928

Enumeration Grant 1927-1928	\$870.75
Support of School Grant 1926-1927	6,114.18
High School Transportation 1926-1927	1,108.44
High School Tuition 1926-1927	2,258.75
Special Aid 1926-1927	500.00
Library Grant	65.00
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Total from State	\$10,917.12
Tuition from Middlesex County	\$1,500.00
Refund of Tuition from Parents	828.75
Refund from Strong and Hale	28.92
Proceeds from card party	21.00
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Total Receipts	\$13,295.79
From Town:	
6 mill tax raises	\$9,203.85
Amount to be raised above 6 mills	9,245.16
Total to meet School Orders	\$31,744.80

SCHOOL EXPENSES FOR 1927-1928

General Control:

Office expenses, salary of secretary and telephone	\$126.95
Supervisor's expenses	77.60
Enumeration	141.10
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	\$345.65

Instruction:

Salaries	\$15,020.95
Text books	224.65
Supplies	304.68
High School tuition	4,941.00
Haddam Neck tuition	156.00
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	20,647.28

Operation of School Plant:

Salaries of janitors	\$718.75
Fuel, light, etc.	783.23
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	1,501.98

Maintenance of School Plant:

Repairs	\$1,012.22
Insurance	97.15
Replacement of equipment	784.89
Upkeep of grounds	75.50
New bus	2,100.00
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	4,069.76

Auxiliary Agencies :

High School transportation	\$2,169.61	
In town transportation	1,312.27	
Trade School transportation	207.03	
School library	130.00	
Vaccination clinic	156.50	
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Capital Outlay :

Little City School	1,204.72	
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Total expense	\$31,744.80
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Total School Orders drawn	31,744.80
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ESTIMATED SCHOOL BUDGET FOR 1928-1929

Teachers' salaries	\$14,825.00	
High School tuition	5,880.00	
Haddam Neck tuition	156.00	
Text books and supplies	1,200.00	
Transportation	3,800.00	
Insurance	54.00	
Office expenses, enumeration, secretary's salary	375.00	
Fuel, light and supplies	950.00	
Janitor's salary	720.00	
Repairs	600.00	
New equipment	300.00	
Incidentals	140.00	
Total	<hr/>	\$29,000.00
Estimated State Grants	\$11,552.64	
High School tuition fees	850.00	
Middlesex County tuition	1,500.00	
Total	<hr/>	13,902.64
Amount to be raised by taxation		\$15,097.36

HADDAM TOWN REPORT

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	Teachers' Salaries	Fuel, Light Janitor Service	Repairs Insurance	New Bus New Equipment	High School Trade School Grammar School Transportation	High School and other Tuition	Library Text Books Supplies	Telephone Enumeration Secretary Office Expenses Vaccination	New School Little City	Totals
Haddam,	\$1,205.55	\$104.52	\$293.51	\$189.59	—	—	—	—	—	\$1,793.17
Higginum,	7,870.46	1,004.65	500.59	665.80	—	—	—	—	—	10,041.50
Turkey Hill,	1,100.00	60.00	24.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,184.00
Little City,	1,150.00	93.80	118.17	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,361.97
Ponsett Center,	1,007.74	94.81	52.50	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,155.05
Brainard Hill,	1,006.48	75.05	49.95	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,131.48
Burr,	1,000.00	69.15	58.50	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,127.65
All Districts Nurse,	680.72	—	17.15	2,100.00	\$3,688.91	\$5,097.00	\$659.33	\$502.15	\$1,204.72	11,949.98
Total,	\$15,020.95	\$1,501.98	\$1,114.37	\$2,955.39	\$3,688.91	\$5,097.00	\$659.33	\$502.15	\$1,204.72	\$31,744.80

TOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, 1927-1928

Charles A. Russell, Philip S. Porter, Tracy L. Neff, 1925-1928.

Charles B. Carlson, Leonard J. Selden, Fred E. Brookes, 1926-1929.

Elmer S. Hubbard, Nellie E. Spencer, Ethel M. Williams, 1927-1930.

Chairman: Philip S. Porter.

Secretary and Treasurer: Ethel M. Williams.

State Supervisors: Edwin I. Arthur, Anne O'Neil.

Finance Committee: Chairman and Secretary.

Property Committee: Philip Porter, Charles A. Russell, Leonard J. Selden.

Transportation Committee: Elmer S. Hubbard, Tracy L. Neff, Leonard J. Selden.

Teachers' Hiring Committee: Chairman, Secretary and Supervisor.

Text Book and Supply Committee: Leonard J. Selden, Nellie E. Spencer, Ethel M. Williams.

High School Committee: Philip Porter, Ethel M. Williams, Edwin I. Arthur.

ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT

To the Town School Committee, Haddam, Conn.:

Herewith we submit our report to you, and to the citizens of Haddam, for the school year 1927-1928.

I. REGISTER DATA

Building	Teacher	Net registra- tion	Left during year	Year-end membership	Promotions	Graduated	Av. attendance
Higganum Union	Castelli	23	1	22	22	22	20.86
	Stanford	40	6	34	34	0	30.18
	Strojny	41	4	37	32	0	52.31
	Jones	28	0	28	27	0	26.3
	Brainard	24	3	21	21	0	20.12
	Neff	16	3	13	11	0	11.36
Haddam Center	Goldberg	16	0	16	16	0	14.
Brainard Hill	Svec	9	0	9	8	0	7.97
Ponsett Center	Isenberg	20	0	20	18	1	17.50
Burr	Altieri	21	4	17	13	2	16.35
Little City	Tibbals	13	0	13	11	0	9.9
Turkey Hill	Edict	11	2	9	6	1	8.04
		262	23	239	219	26	234.89

II. TESTS AND CLASSIFICATIONS

1. ACCELERATION

The Pintner-Cunningham, Stanford Achievement and National Intelligence tests were administered during the year.

The results of these tests together with teacher judgment were used in determining promotions and accelerations. The following standards, used to some extent during the year, will be used to a greater extent in the future.

1. Pupils who are one year or more above the standard for the present grade should be advanced.
2. Over-age pupils who are one-half year or more above the standard for their present grade should be advanced.
3. Certain pupils who are very large for the grade and who are one-half year or more above the standard for the present grade should be advanced.
4. Total acceleration from the first through the eighth grade should not exceed two years.

2. ABILITY GROUPING

More attention has been given to ability grouping. The practice of shifting pupils during the term to sections more suited to their needs must become more general. This was done during the year 1927-1928 more than in previous years. It must be continued and developed.

3. INDIVIDUAL PUPIL PROGRAMS

Ability grouping is only a partial solution. Nothing short of a certain amount of individual pupil assignment will really meet the needs of all. An effort has been made to give to every pupil work at which he can succeed.

An effort has been made to provide the brighter pupil with additional reading in keeping with his interests, additional problems in keeping with his abilities, and more adequate guidance in his club activities.

More special groups for the retarded pupil have been maintained. In forming these groups more reliance must be placed in the results of standardized tests.

III. THE 6-3-3 VS. 8-4 PLAN

It seems timely to point out again the advantages of the six year elementary and three year junior and three year senior high school plan over the eight year elementary and four year high school plan.

The two chief functions of the junior high school have been stated as follows:

1. To continue, but not in a monotonous way, and certainly in a gradually diminishing degree, the pupil's training in the command of those fundamental processes, skills, attitudes, and informations which form the common integrating, background for any individual who is to be a proper member of society. This means in part that the reading, writing and arithmetic skills of the first six grades are to be reviewed and continued through new and more effective drill methods, but that they are no longer to be allowed to occupy the major portion of the child's school day.

2. To determine wherever possible by means of material in itself worthwhile, the interests, aptitudes, and capacities of pupils by revealing to them the possibilities both in the major fields of learning and in the vocations, and, having determined the desirable ones, to foster them in a way that will result in placing each pupil in that field of endeavor which will result in the greatest good and happiness for himself and society.

Another advantage of the six year elementary and three year junior and three year senior high school plan (6-3-3 plan) would be the increased opportunity for differentiating in the length of time required by various groups to finish the elementary and high school courses.

IV. THE TEACHING STAFF

1. APPOINTMENTS FOR 1928-1929

Higganum Union School:

Principal and Grade 8, Alice M. Densen; Grades 7 and 6, Lillian Stanford; Grades 6 and 5, Mary Strojny; Grades 4 and 3, Ida E. Jones; Grades 3 and 2, Louise E. Brainard; Grade 1, Mary Balaso. Music, Mabel F. Bailey.

Haddam Center School: Mrs. Bertha M. Williams.

Brainard Hill School: Helen Svec.

Ponsett School: Cora Davis.

Little City School: Claire Altieri.

Turkey Hill School: Grace W. Edict.

2. TEACHER RETAINING POWER

One of the major problems of a school system is that of retention of desirable teachers. An adequate salary, satisfactory living conditions, and community attitude toward teachers are among the factors influencing the desire of teachers to continue in our schools. A school system lacking in any of these three elements cannot hope to have a continuing staff.

It is pleasant to record that the teacher retaining power is very satisfactory in the town of Haddam.

V. HEALTH SERVICE

1. THE WORK OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

The work of the nurse has proved valuable both in the school and in the home. Daily health inspection has become a fixed activity. Much

preventive and remedial work has been accomplished. The following report is illustrative relative to the work accomplished each month:

Number of school visits, 44.

Number home visits, 39.

Number taken to oculist and M.D., 4.

Number class inspections, 27.

Number individual inspections, 619.

Number referred to physician, 15; oculist, 4.

Number cases reported to health officer, 2.

Number of exclusions, skin disease, 4.

Total corrections, 1.

Number routine treatments at school, 200; emergency treatments, 1.

Number lessons taught, 1.

2. DENTAL CLINIC

A dental clinic was held at the Higganum Union School during the winter term. This clinic has been held three times during the past six years. Nearly all pupils who needed attention were provided for. Parents were at liberty to request examinations by the school dentist and after the examination had been made to send children to their own dentist rather than to the school dentist, provided they wished to do so. However, by far the larger number of treatments necessary were given at the clinic or at the office of the school dentist.

VI. THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

For several years use of the public library by school children has been increasing. A check up reveals that books in the fields of biography, nature study, social science, and literature are being more generally read. For the past two years books of a factual nature have been called for in greater numbers than books in the field of fiction.

VII. ASSEMBLY PROGRAMS

The assembly programs have proved to be a strong influence not only in building up the school as a unit, but in the regular classroom work.

This year assembly programs were held as each grade produced a piece of work which would be likely to interest the entire school. Preparation for such an assembly period requires intensive class work in the gaining of information of the topic to be studied; in organizing of material so that other children in the school can follow the program; in preparation of oral reports, discussions, and themes. This type of work also develops enthusiasm relieving the pupil of self-

consciousness as he becomes absorbed in getting his program across to his audience.

VIII. NATURE STUDY

These programs help to build up throughout the school a strong interest in nature study. Programs given by one grade prove to interest other grades and because of this interest new units of work are stimulated.

IX. SOCIAL STUDIES

Another type of work which lends itself to the assembly program is the unit organization in social studies.

An attempt has been made to organize the social studies so that while the pupils are investigating a topic in which they have shown interest practice in other skills may be carried on. In order to give more reading practice instead of one geography or history several texts are used. In this way pupils learn to find, by use of table of contents, the topic they are studying; pupils take notes and prepare a written or oral report for other members.

This type of work lends itself to the large group being divided into small groups. An organization of this kind gives practice in getting along with others; being a good leader; working quietly so that other groups in the room will not be disturbed and being responsible to the large group for the preparation of a good piece of work.

The individual also has his opportunity in unit organization. Becoming interested in a topic he is helped in the planning and then works alone to give a report to the other pupils. This has proved one of the best ways in the work of developing initiative, self-reliance, responsibility, and poise. Through individual work a pupil with a special talent is given opportunity to develop it.

X. ART APPRECIATION

The art work in the schools is organized in such a way that through attempting to create something of his own the pupil learns to appreciate the great masters and their productions. The art work is divided into the following types: Study of great pictures and artists; study of beautiful buildings and their history; study of simple ways of decorating; and the handling and using of materials in an attempt to create. Some material products of this work as shown at our exhibits are the designing and making of clay bowls, furniture, books and houses.

XI. MUSIC APPRECIATION

Music must also be carried on so that its primary objective, the love of music, will be realized. The great composers and their compositions are studied together with the history of music. The study of orchestra and band instruments proves to be particularly educational in that it leads to more satisfying appreciation of the whole field of orchestral interpretation.

Chorus singing is particularly valuable in that it helps in the development of the school as a unit; acts as a medium for whole hearted enjoyment; and provides opportunity for spontaneous expression.

XII. CLUB ACTIVITIES

The club-work has been another means by which the children from different grades may work together. Each club is organized to do a certain kind of work such as art, sewing, music, and nature study. In some cases the club-work has made excellent material for assembly programs.

VIII. SCHOOL CALENDAR

FIRST TERM—16 weeks.

Teachers' meeting Tuesday, September 4th, 9:00 A. M., (d. s. t.)
at Higganum Union School.

Days out:

Teachers' meeting as above, September 4th.

Visitation, 1 day.

Thanksgiving, 2 days, November 29th and 30th.

Schools close Thursday, December 20th after a 4 hour-session.

CHRISTMAS—1 week..

SECOND TERM—14 weeks.

Schools open Wednesday, A. M., January 2nd.

Days out:

State Convention, 1 day.

Washington's Birthday, February 22nd.

Visitation, 1 day.

Good Friday, March 29th.

Schools close Friday, April 5th, after a 4 hour-session.

SPRING RECESS—1 week.

THIRD TERM—9 weeks.

Schools open Monday, A. M., April 15th.

Days out:

Memorial Day, May 30th.

Schools close Friday, June 14th.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN I. ARTHUR.

ANNE J. O'NEIL.

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